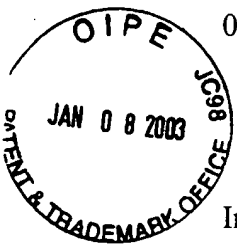


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### REMARKS

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the communication indicating how the European Examiner deemed the prior art relevant to the claims in the counterpart application also is enclosed as an English Statement of relevance.

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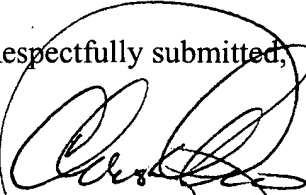
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### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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